

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTIES OF ARANSAS §
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CITY OF ARANSAS PASS §

On this the 19th day of March, 2007 the City Council of the City of Aransas Pass convened in a Regular Council Meeting being open to the Public at the regular meeting place thereof in the City Hall and notice of said meeting giving the time, place, date and subject hereof having been posted and prescribed by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code with the following attendance to wit constituting a quorum.

PRESENT: Frank Hametner Mayor
Tommy Knight Mayor Pro Tempore
Jay Attaway, Council Member

ABSENT: Grace Chapa, Council Member
Vickie Abrego, Council Member

ADMINISTRATIVE
PERSONNEL PRESENT: Mike Sullinger, Interim City Manager
Allen Lawrence, City Attorney
Ada Owens, City Secretary

ADMINISTRATIVE
PERSONNEL ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Darren Gurley, Public Works Director
Frank Truitt, City Inspector
Gilbert Ritz, Fire Chief

OTHERS PRESENT: Ralph & Lu Arcemont, Don & Bunny Williams, Mary Ann Cavzos (Caller-Times), Steve Morales, Pat Billman (Chamber of Commerce), Gwenlan Sullinger, Don & Jeanie Brummett, Collen Abshire, J.W. Peer, Jim & Alpha Covington, Harry & Janet Hallows, Gary Boehnke, Jim Garner, Eva Young Earl Buckmaster, Karen Mayer, Rosemary Vega (Chamber of Commerce)

(There may have been others present who did not sign in.)

ITEM 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

At the request of Mayor Hametner Mayor who stated he had a sore throat, Pro Tempore Knight presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. on March 19, 2007.

ITEM 2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG.

City Manager Mike Sullinger gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

ITEM 3. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS AND MAYOR’S QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION.

There were none.

ITEM 4. CONSENT AGENDA – “All of the Following items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests. If discussion is desired that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately”.

- A. Approval of Minutes of March 5, 2007.
- B. Consider and Act on Ordinance 2007-3916 – An Ordinance of the City of Aransas Pass Approving the rezoning of Tract 1, Landblock V, Burton and Danforth Subdivision from Residential (R7-A) to Recreational Vehicles (RV Park) (Terry Orf)
- C. Consider and Act on Animal Control Facility Change Order #1.

Council Member Attaway made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mayor Hametner seconded the motion and the motion carried with Council Member Attaway and Mayor Hametner voting yes on Items A, B, and C and Mayor Pro Tempore Knight voting yes on Items A and C and voting no on Item B.

ITEM 5. PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST OF LANDTECH CONSULTANTS, INC. TO REPLAT 2.82 ACRES BEING FARMLOT 4, LANDBLOCK 242, BURTON & DANFORTH INTO LA BUENA VIDA SUBDIVISION, PHASE III.

No action was taken.

ITEM 8. CONSIDER AND ACT ON REQUEST OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE CITY TO PROVIDE LIABILITY INSURANCE AND ASSISTANCE FROM THE POLICE AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENTS FOR THE 2007 SHRIMPOREE.

Ms. Rosemary Vega, CEO of the Chamber of Commerce, stated the Chamber was requesting assistance from the Police and Public Works departments for the annual Shrimporee.

The City Manager stated there was no problem, the City had been assisting with the Shrimporee every year and the cost comes out of the Hotel/Motel tax revenues. He stated the City has also carried the Chamber as an additional insured for liability every year for the Shrimporee.

Council Member Attaway made the motion to approve the request of the Chamber of Commerce for the City to provide liability insurance and assistance from the Police and Public Works departments for the 2007 Shrimporee. Mayor Hametner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT.

The City Manager stated a Special Council meeting needed to be scheduled for March 26, 2007 for the financial audit and Mark McLiney of Southwest Securities would explain the bond issue. There would also be a presentation regarding harbor leases. The consensus was to have a special meeting March 26.

The City Manager stated each Council Member had received a set of 18 applications for the position of City Manager and he asked that each Council Member read the applications and choose the three best applicants.

The City Manager stated there was a major problem with a 3 foot tin drainage pipe at the seawall. The pipe has caused a large sink hole and will cost approximately \$19,000.00 to repair.

Mayor Pro Tempore Knight asked could the City get help from the Drainage District?

The City Manager stated there was enough money left from the 2003 bond issue, that was used to build the Animal Control Facility, to repair the drainage pipe. He stated Mark McLiney at Southwest Securities told him the City could use the money for the repairs. He stated he would check with the Drainage District for assistance with the cost of the repairs.

The City Manager stated he had plans posted for improvements to City Hall. The improvements would consist of a 25 foot addition and much needed renovations to the present City Hall. He stated there was mold and mildew in the building and the building was very rundown. Visitors and investors did not get a good impression of the City from our City Hall. The improvements were not only for the city employees but for the citizens to be able to take pride in their City Hall. He stated a new City Hall was going to cost \$2.5M but expanding and renovating would cost between \$300,000 and \$500,000. He would have more information for the Council after the financial audit.

ITEM 10. RECESS REGULAR MEETING AND RETIRE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551 OF TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE.

Recessed into Executive Session in Municipal Court Room at 7:26 p.m.

A. SECTION 551.071, CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY – LEGAL MATTERS REGARDING APDG.

ITEM 11. RECONVENE IN REGULAR MEETING AND CONSIDER AND ACT ON FINDINGS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Reconvened into Open Session at 7:44 p.m.

A. SECTION 551.074 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY – LEGAL MATTERS REGARDING APDG.

Council Member Attaway made the motion to authorize the City Attorney to continue negotiations with the attorney for APDG. Mayor Hametner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING.

Council Member Attaway made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Hametner seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tempore Knight adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

ATTEST: Frank C. Hametner, Mayor

Ada Owens, City Secretary